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<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>	Attorney Docket No.	837.1196	
	Application Number	09/256,079	
	Filing Date	February 24, 1999	
	First Named Inventor	Yumiko KAWASAKE et al.	
	Group Art Unit	2633	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	0.00	Examiner Name	Dzung D. Tran

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	15	- 15 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	- 3 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	0.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of May 24, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010));

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320.00)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)

Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 0.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

**TOTAL FEES DUE =**

\$ 0.00

(1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".

(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- ☐ Check enclosed as payment.
- ☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- ☒ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

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**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:

Deposit Account No.

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Deposit Account Name

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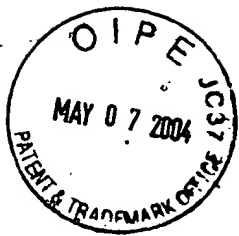
- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

**SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP**

Typed Name	Darleen J. Stockley	Reg. No.	34,257
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2633

Docket No. 837.1196

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yumiko KAWASAKI, et al.

Serial No. 09/256,079

Group Art Unit: 2633

Confirmation No. 9353

Filed: February 24, 1999

Examiner: D. D. Tran

For: METHOD FOR OPTICAL FIBER COMMUNICATION, AND DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR USE  
IN CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on May 24, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.